

Interview Summary

Application No.

10/825,469

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Stephen R. Koziol

Art Unit

2624

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Andrew W. Johns, primary examiner.

(3) S. Noll, applicant's representative.

(2) S. Koziol, examiner.

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Date of Interview: 16 January 2008.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: ____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: van der Weide.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

ANDREW W. JOHNS
PRIMARY EXAMINER


Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed applicant's invention, as claimed, and the nature of the system taught by van der Weide. Examiner's noted that van der Weide does generate a 3D volume dataset without the use of a contrast agent (second paragraph in the right hand column on the first page of the article), but applicant's repr. pointed out that none of the detailed analysis is performed on this dataset. Instead this data set is used in a screening diagnosis that determines the necessity for the more invasive CTA scan and analysis. Because the level of detail available in the conventional CT scan dataset is significantly lower than what is available in the CTA scan dataset, one of ordinary skill in the art would not have found it obvious to move any of the processing of the CTA scan data to the earlier CT scan data. After further discussion and evaluation of the prior art teaching, the examiners conceded that the prior art probably did not render applicant's claimed invention obvious. Applicant's repr. indicated that an after-final response would be filed to place applicant's arguments on the record, and the examiners indicated that the nature of the subsequent action would depend on the evaluation of the other prior art of record and an updated search.